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Applicant: SALKINI et al.

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For: MULTI-PROTOCOL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
APPARATUS AND METHOD

Declaration Under Rule 132

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231


Dear Sir:

Thomas Joseph, an applicant in the above-identified patent application, declares as follows:

1. That the claimed invention is a mobile switching center, and corresponding method for operating the mobile switching center, that incorporates features of a single platform having a communications back plane, as recited in pending claims 1, 27, 46, 47, 105, 106 and 107 (the "claimed invention") of the above-identified application.

2. That small- and mid-size mobile networks that serve rural, smaller urban and other small- to mid-size markets exist and have existed for some time. Additionally, these small- to mid-size mobile networks cannot afford the capital outlays that large-size mobile networks can.

3. That industry standard is, and has been, to build discrete, large-scale components that are subsequently incorporated into racks of other discrete components to



assemble a non-scalable mobile communications system that is not an efficient architecture for small- and mid-size mobile networks. Moreover, these needs of the small- to mid-size mobile networks have existed as long as these small- to mid-size mobile networks have existed.

4. That small- to mid-size networks need a simple, scalable mobile communications system. Such a simple, scalable mobile communications system would meet the needs not addressed by the industry standard.

5. That no current or past vendor of mobile switching equipment has, to my knowledge, ever produced a switching center incorporated into a single platform having a back plane communications system.

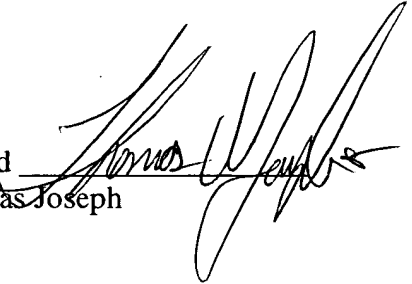
6. That the features of the single platform having the communications back plane solve a long-felt need for a simple, scalable mobile communications system for small- and mid-size mobile networks.

7. That Tecore has developed a highly successful business by providing mobile switching centers according to the claimed invention to support these small- and mid-size mobile networks.

The declarant further states that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Date: 05/23/02

Signed _____
Thomas Joseph

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